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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRINCE RUPERT-EDMONTON OIL PIPELINE

1. KENNETH HALL, PRESIDENCE OF TRANSMOUNTAIN PIPELINE LIMITED
OF VANCOUVER TOLD CONGEN OFFICER HIS COMPANY HAD FORMED GROUP

IN TORONTO ON MARCH 23, 1976 TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING
PIPELINE FROM PRINCE RUPERT, BC TO EDMONTON, ALBERTA TO TRANSPORT
ALASKAN OIL TO MIDWESTERN US REFINERIES. OTHER GROUP MEMBERS
ARE INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINES LIMITED AND FOUR MIDWESTERN
US REFINERS: COCH, ASHLAND, CONTINENTAL AND AMOCO. PROPOSED
LINE WOULD RECEIVE OIL BY TANKER AT PRINCE RUPERT AND LINK AT
EDMONTON WITH INTER-PROVINCIAL PIPELINE WHICH PASSES THROUGH
MIDWESTERN STATES.

2. HALL SAID COCH AND ASHLAND HAD DONE BULK OF PRELIMINARY
WORK WHICH SHOWED PROPED LINE TO BE MOST ECONOMIC WAY TO DELIVER
ALASKAN OIL TO US MIDWEST. NEW GROUP WOULD STUDY WHETHER PROJECT
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COULD SOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL, POLITICAL, ENGINEERING AND FINANCIAL

PROBLEMS INVOLVED. HALL HOPES ALL NECESSARY DATA WILL BE
ASSEMBLED BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

3. HALL SAID GROUP MEMBERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN WASHINGTON,
DC AND OTTAWA DISCUSSING PROPOSAL WITH CANADIAN AND AMERICAN
OFFICIALS AND WOULD MEET WITH BC CABINET APRIL 2. GROUP WILL
RELEASE PRESS STATEMENT APRIL 3. CONGEN WILL FORWARD COPIES
TO ALL ADDRESSEES.
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